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BOND, Jesse, one of the first settlers of Heber, Wasatch county, Utah, was born Feb. 27, 1832, at Huntingford, Gloucestershire, England, the son of James Bond and Sarah Card. He was baptized Dec. 29, 1844, by Job Salter, was ordained a Teacher in 1854 by Henry Alpin, and emigrated to America the same year, crossing the Atlantic in the ship "Clara Wheeler," which sailed from Liverpool, Nov. 27, 1854, and arrived at New Orleans, Jan. 11, 1855; he crossed the plains in Isaac Alfred's company which left Mormon Grove,

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Kansas, July 28, 1855, and arrived in Salt Lake City, Nov. 13, 1855. The next year (1856) he located at Pleasant Grove, Utah county, and in 1859 settled in Provo valley as one of the first settlers at Heber City. In 1861 he went back to the Missouri river as a Church teamster after emigrants. On the return trip he acted as captain of ten. In 1863 he made another trip to the Missouri river after a load of stoves for the Heber City store. In 1867 he took part in the Black Hawk war. For many years he acted as a block Teacher. He served as janitor in the Heber City meeting house for 37 years, and during these years he rang the Church bell. For twenty years he also rang the curfew bell and he gained the reputation during that time that he never once missed ringing the bell on the minute. For 37 years Bro. Bond acted as stray-pound keeper. Since his early youth he has been a most diligent and faithful Church worker. He was ordained a Seventy May 30, 1857, by Joseph Young, and a High



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BOND, Sarah Adams, wife of Jesse Bond, was born May 12, 1843, at Bradley Edge, Staffordshire, England, the daughter of Samuel Adams and Bessie Mumford. She was baptized in 1851 by Samuel Adams and



emigrated to America in 1857. After a temporary sojourn in Iowa City, she went back to New York in 1861 and there met her parents with whom she emigrated to Utah that same year, crossing the plains in Capt. Ira Eldredge's company. On the journey she made the acquaintance of Jesse Bond, who was one of the teamsters, and she became his wife Sept. 24, 1861, having arrived in the Valley Sept. 15th of that year. She became the mother of nine children and died at Heber City Dec. 1, 1908. Sister Bond was a faithful and devoted wife, a loving and kind mother, and the friend of all her associates. She was united with her husband in all his faithful labors and always insisted on paying a full and honest tithing.

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High priest. Town official of Heber. Farmer.

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